



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of: _____
Mackey et al. _____) Examiner: Huynh, Kim T.
Serial No.: 10/007,472 _____) Group Art Unit: 2112
Filed: November 8, 2001 _____) Confirmation No.: 3598
For: System and Method for Processing Interrupts _____)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP: RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants file this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Preliminary Amendment in response to the Final Office Action of January 26, 2005. Please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.